

(HEPATITIS A VACCINE, INACTIVATED) VAQTA®

DESCRIPTION

VAQTA* [Hepatitis A Vaccine, Inactivated] is an inactivated whole virus vaccine derived from hepatitis A virus (HAV) grown in cell culture in human MRC-5 diploid fibroblasts. It contains inactivated virus of a strain which was originally derived by further serial passage of a proven attenuated strain. The virus is grown, harvested, purified by a combination of physical and high performance liquid chromatographic techniques developed at the Merck Research Laboratories, formalin inactivated, and then adsorbed onto aluminum hydroxide. One milliliter of the vaccine contains approximately 50 units (U) of hepatitis A virus antigen, which is purified and formulated without a preservative. Within the limits of current assay variability, the 50U dose of VAQTA contains less than 0.1 mcg of non-viral protein, less than 4 x 10-5 mcg of DNA, less than 10-4 mcg of bovine albumin, and less than 0.8 mcg of formaldehyde. Other process chemical residuals are less than 10 parts per billion (ppb).

VAQTA is a sterile suspension for intramuscular injection. VAQTA is supplied in two formulations:

Pediatric/Adolescent Formulation: each 0.5 mL dose contains approximately 25U of hepatitis A virus antigen adsorbed onto approximately 0.225 mg of aluminum provided as aluminum hydroxide, and 35 mcg of sodium borate as a pH stabilizer, in 0.9% sodium chloride.

Adult Formulation: each 1 mL dose contains approximately 50U of hepatitis A virus antigen adsorbed onto approximately 0.45 mg of aluminum provided as aluminum hydroxide, and 70 mcg of sodium borate as a pH stabilizer, in 0.9% sodium chloride.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Hepatitis A Disease

Hepatitis A virus is one of several hepatitis viruses that cause a systemic infection with pathology in the liver. The incubation period ranges from approximately 20 to 50 days. While the course of the disease is generally benign and does not result in chronic hepatitis, infection with hepatitis A virus remains an important cause of morbidity and occasional fulminant hepatitis and death.¹

Hepatitis A is transmitted most often by the fecal-oral route, with infection occurring primarily within private households. Common-source outbreaks due to contaminated food and water supplies have occurred following consumption of certain foods such as raw shellfish, and uncooked foods prepared by an infected food-handler or otherwise contaminated prior to ingestion (salads, sandwiches, frozen raspberries, etc.). Bloodborne transmission, while uncommon, is possible via blood transfusion, contaminated blood products, or from needles shared with an infected viremic individual. Sexual transmission has also been reported. 1-14-16

The disease burden due to hepatitis A in the United States has been estimated to be approximately 143,000 infections per year, of which 75,800 result in clinical hepatitis A disease, 11,400 hospitalizations, and 80 deaths due to fulminant hepatitis. Worldwide, it has been estimated that 1.4 million cases are reported annually.² The clinical manifestations of hepatitis A infection often pass unrecognized in children <2 years of age whereas overt hepatitis A develops in the majority of infected older children and adults. Symptoms and signs of hepatitis A infection are similar to those associated with other types of viral hepatitis and include anorexia, nausea, fever/chills, jaundice, dark urine, light-colored stools, abdominal pain, malaise, and fatigue.¹

Clinical Trials

Clinical trials conducted worldwide with several formulations of the vaccine in 9181 healthy individuals ranging from 2 to 85 years of age have demonstrated that VAQTA is highly immunogenic and generally well tolerated.

Protection from hepatitis A disease has been shown to be related to the presence of antibody; an anamnestic antibody response occurs in healthy individuals with a history of infection who are subsequently re-exposed to hepatitis A virus.³ Similarly, protection after vaccination with VAQTA has been associated with the onset of seroconversion (≥10 mIU/mL of hepatitis A antibody, measured by a modification of the HAVAB** radioimmunoassay [RIA]¹⁵) and with an anamnestic antibody response following booster vaccination with VAQTA

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In combined clinical studies, 97% of 1214 healthy children and adolescents 2 through 17 years of age seroconverted with a geometric mean titer (GMT) of 43 mlU/mL within 4 weeks after a single ~25U/0.5 mL intramuscular dose of VAQTA. Similarly, 95% of 1428 adults 218 years of age seroconverted with a GMT of 37 mlU/mL within 4 weeks after a single ~50U/1.0 mL intramuscular dose of VAQTA. Furthermore, at 2 weeks post-vaccination, 69% (n=744) of adults seroconverted with a GMT of 16 mlU/mL after a single dose of VAQTA. ¹⁸ Immune memory was demonstrated by an anamestic antibody response in individuals who received a booster dose (see *Persistence*).

While a study evaluating VAQTA alone in a post-exposure setting has not been conducted, the concurrent use of VAQTA (-50U) and immune globulin (IG, 0.06 mL/kg) was evaluated in a clinical study involving healthy adults 18 to 39 years of age. Table 1 provides seroconversion rates and GMT at 4 and 24 weeks after the first dose in each treatment group and at one month after a booster dose of VAQTA (administered at 24 weeks).

Table 1
Seroconversion Rates (%) and Geometric Mean Titers (GMT)
after Vaccination with VAQTA plus IG,
VAQTA Alone, and IG Alone

	VAQTA plus IG	VAQTA	IG
Weeks	Seroconversion Rate GMT (mIU/mL)		
4	100% 42 (n=129)	96% 38 (n=135)	87% 19 (n=30)
24	92% 83 (n=125)	97%* 137* (n=132)	0% 5 (n=28)
28	100% 4872 (n=114)	100% 6498 (n=128)	N/A

^{*} The seroconversion rate and the GMT in the group receiving VAQTA alone were significantly higher than in the group receiving VAQTA plus IG (p=0.05, p<0.001, respectively). N/A = Not Applicable

Efficacy

A very high degree of protection has been demonstrated after a single dose of VAQTA in children and adolescents. ¹⁹ The protective efficacy, immunogenicity and safety of VAQTA were evaluated in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study involving 1037 susceptible healthy children and adolescents 2 through 16 years of age in a U.S. community with recurrent outbreaks of hepatitis A (The Monroe Efficacy Study). Each child received an intramuscular dose of VAQTA (~25U) or placebo. Among those individuals who were initially seronegative (by modified HAVAB), seroconversion was achieved in >99% of vaccine recipients within 4 weeks after vaccination. The onset of seroconversion following a single dose of VAQTA was shown to parallel the onset of protection against clinical hepatitis A disease.

Because of the long incubation period of the disease (approximately 20 to 50 days, or longer in children²²), the primary endpoint was based on clinically confirmed cases** of hepatitis A occurring ≥50 days after vaccination in order to exclude any children incubating the infection before vaccination. In subjects who were initially seronegative, the protective efficacy of a single dose of VAOTA was observed to be 100% with 21 cases of clinically confirmed hepatitis A occurring in the placebo group and none in the vaccine group (p-0.001). A secondary endpoint was pre-defined as the number of clinically confirmed cases of hepatitis A ≥30 days. With this secondary endpoint, 28 cases of clinically confirmed hepatitis A occurred in the placebo group while none occurred in the vaccine group ≥30 days after vaccination. In addition, it was observed in this trial that no cases of clinically confirmed hepatitis A occurred in the vaccine group after day 16.1 Following demonstration of protection with a single dose and termination of the study, a booster dose was administered to a subset of vaccinees 6, 12, or 18 months after the primary dose.

Persistence

The total duration of the protective effect of VAQTA in healthy vaccinees is unknown at present. However, seropositivity was shown to persist up to 18 months after a single ~25U dose in a cohort of 35 out of 39 children and adolescents who participated in The Monroe Efficacy Study; 95% of this cohort responded anamnestically following a booster at 18 months. To date, no cases of clinically confirmed hepatitis A disease ≥50 days after vaccination have occurred in those vaccinees from The Monroe Efficacy Study monitored for up to 4 years.

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The effectiveness of VAQTA for use in community outbreak control has been demonstrated by the fact that, although cases of imported infection have occurred, the study community has remained free of outbreaks. In contrast, three nearby sister communities to Monroe have continued to experience outbreaks. ¹⁸⁻²⁰

In adults, seropositivity has been shown to persist up to 6 months after a single –50U dose. Studies are ongoing to evaluate longer-term persistence and the need, if any, for additional booster doses. Persistence of immunologic memory was demonstrated with an anamnestic antibody response to a booster dose of ~25U given 6 to 18 months after the primary dose in children and adolescents (Table 2), and to a booster dose of ~50U given 6 months after the primary dose to adults (Table 3).

Table 2 Children/Adolescents

Seroconversion Rates (%) and Geometric Mean Titers (GMT) for Cohorts of Initially Seronegative Vaccinees at the Time of the Booster (~25U) and 4 Weeks Later

Weeks	Cohort*	Cohort* (n=35)	Cohort*		
Following	(n=949)	0 and 12 Months	(n=39)		
Initial ~25U	0 and 6		0 and 18		
Dose	Months		Months		
	Seroconversion Rate				
1					
24	97%				
	109	_	_		
28	100%				
	10609	-	_		
52		91%			
	_	48	_		
56		100%			
"		12308	-		
78			90%		
			50		
82			100%		
			9591		

^{*}Blood samples taken at both time points.

Table 3 Adults

Seroconversion Rates (%) and Geometric Mean Titers (GMT) for a Cohort of Vaccinees After a Booster Dose (~50U) of VAQTA Administered at 6 Months

Weeks Following Initial ~50U Dose	Cohort (n=1152) 0 and 6 Months	
	Seroconversion Rate GMT (mIU/mL)	
24	98% 134	
28	100% 6010	

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

VAQTA is indicated for active pre-exposure prophylaxis against disease caused by hepatitis A virus in persons 2 years of age and older. Primary immunization should be given at least 2 weeks prior to expected exposure to HAV.

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Individuals who are or will be at increased risk of infection by HAV include:^{2-14,16,17}

TRAVELERS

Persons traveling to areas of higher endemicity for hepatitis A. These areas include, but are not limited to, Africa, Asia (except Japan), the Mediterranean basin, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Central and South America, Mexico, and parts of the Caribbean. Current CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) advisories should be consulted with regard to specific locales.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

PEOPLE LIVING IN, OR RELOCATING TO, AREAS OF HIGH ENDEMICITY

CERTAIN ETHNIC AND GEOGRAPHIC POPULATIONS THAT EXPERIENCE CYCLIC HEPATITIS A EPIDEMICS SUCH AS:

Native peoples of Alaska and the Americas.

OTHERS

Persons engaging in high-risk sexual activity (such as homosexually active males); users of illicit injectable drugs; residents of a community experiencing an outbreak of hepatitis A.

Hemophiliacs and other recipients of therapeutic blood products (see PRECAUTIONS and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Although the epidemiology of hepatitis A does not permit the identification of other specific populations at high risk of disease, outbreaks of hepatitis A or exposure to hepatitis A virus have been described in a variety of populations in which

- VAQTA may be useful:

 Certain institutional workers (e.g., caretakers for the developmentally challenged)
- Employees of child day-care centers

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^{***}The clinical case definition included all of the following occurring at the same time: 1) one or more typical clinical signs or symptoms of nepatitis A (e.g., jaundice, malaise, fever ≥38.3°C), 2) elevation of hepatitis A IgM antibody (HANAB-M), 3) elevation of alanine transferase (ALT) ≥2 times the upper limit of normal.

One vaccinee did not meet the pre-defined criteria for clinically confirmed hepatitis A but did have positive hepatitis A IgM and border-line liver enzyme (ALT) elevations on days 34, 50, and 58 after vaccination with mild clinical symptoms observed on days 49 and 50



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PEOPLE EXPOSED TO HEPATITIS A

For those requiring both immediate and long-term protection, VAQTA may be administered concomitantly with IG. Revaccination

See DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, DOSAGE.

Use With Other Vaccines

Data to recommend concurrent use with other vaccines are limited.

Use With Immune Globulin

For individuals requiring either post-exposure prophylaxis or combined immediate and longer-term protection (e.g. travelers departing on short notice to endemic areas), VAQTA may be administered concomitantly with IG using separate sites and syringes (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

VAQTA IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR USE IN INFANTS YOUNGER THAN 2 YEARS OF AGE SINCE DATA ON USE IN THIS AGE GROUP ARE NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Hypersensitivity to any component of the vaccine.

WARNINGS

Individuals who develop symptoms suggestive of hyper-sensitivity after an injection of VAQTA should not receive further injections of the vaccine (see CONTRAINDICATIONS).

If VAQTA is used in individuals with malignancies or those receiving immunosuppressive therapy or who are otherwise immunocompromised, the expected immune response may not be obtained.

PRECAUTIONS

General

VAQTA will not prevent hepatitis caused by infectious agents other than hepatitis A virus. Because of the long incubation period (approximately 20 to 50 days) for hepatitis A, it is possible for unrecognized hepatitis A infection to be present at the time the vaccine is given. The vaccine may not prevent hepatitis A in such individuals.

As with any vaccine, adequate treatment provisions, including epinephrine, should be available for immediate use should an anaphylactic or anaphylactoid reaction occur.

VAQTA should be administered with caution to people with bleeding disorders who are at risk of hemorrhage following intramuscular injection (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRA-TION).

As with any vaccine, vaccination with VAQTA may not

result in a protective response in all susceptible vaccinees.

An acute infection or febrile illness may be reason for delaying use of VAQTA except when, in the opinion of the physician, withholding the vaccine entails a greater risk.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

VAQTA has not been evaluated for its carcinogenic or mutagenic potential, or its potential to impair fertility.

Pregnancy Category C: Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with VAQTA. It is also not known whether VAQTA can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. VAQTA should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed.

Nursing Mothers

It is not known whether VAQTA is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when VAQTA is administered to a woman who is breast feeding.

VAQTA has been shown to be generally well tolerated and highly immunogenic in individuals 2 through 17 years of age. See DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION for the recommended dosage schedule.

Safety and effectiveness in infants below 2 years of age have not been established.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

In combined clinical trials, 16,252 doses of VAQTA were administered to 9181 healthy children, adolescents, and adults. VAQTA was generally well tolerated.

No serious vaccine-related adverse experiences were observed during clinical trials.

The Monroe Efficacy Study

In this study, 1037 healthy children and adolescents, 2 through 16 years of age, received a primary dose of ~25U of hepatitis A vaccine and a booster 6,12, or 18 months later, or placebo. Subjects were observed during a 5-day period for fever and local complaints and during a 14-day period for systerric complaints. Injection-site complaints, generally mild and transient¹⁹, were the most frequently reported complaints. Table 4 summarizes the local and systemic complaints. Table 4 summarizes the local and systemic complaints (≥1%) reported in this study, without regard to causality. There were no significant differences in the rates of any complaints between vaccine and placebo recipients after

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Table 4 Local and Systemic Complaints (≥1%) in Healthy Children and Adolescents from The Monroe Efficacy Study

	VAQ		
Reaction	Dose 1'	Booster	Placebo**
Injection- Site Complaints			
Pain	6.4% (33/515)	3.4% (16/475)	6.3% (32/510)
Tenderness	4.9% (25/515)	1.7% (8/475)	6.1% (31/510)
Erythema	1.9% (10/515)	0.8% (4/475)	1.8% (9/510)
Swelling	1.7% (9/515)	1.5% (7/475)	1.6% (8/510)
Warmth	1.7% (9/515)	0.6% (3/475)	1.6% (8/510)
Systemic Complaints			
Abdominal Pain	1.2% (6/519)	1.1% (5/475)	1.0% (5/518)
Pharyngitis	1.2% (6/519)	0% (0/475)	0.8% (4/518)
Headache	0.4% (2/519)	0.8% (4/475)	1.0% (5/518)

† Second injection of placebo not administered because code for the

Children/Adolescents — 2 through 17 Years of Age

In combined clinical trials (including Monroe Efficacy Study participants) involving 2595 healthy children and adolescents who received one or more ~25U doses of hepatitis A vaccine, fever and local complaints were observed during a 5-day period following vaccination and systemic complaints during a 14-day period following vaccination. Injection-site com-plaints, generally mild and transient, were the most fre-quently reported complaints. Listed below are the complaints (≥1%) reported, without regard to causality, in decreasing order of frequency within each body system.

LOCALIZED INJECTION-SITE REACTIONS (generally mild and transient)

Pain (18.7%); tenderness (16.8%); warmth (8.6%); erythema (7.5%); swelling (7.3%); ecchymosis (1.3%).

BODY AS A WHOLE

Fever (≥102°F, Oral) (3.1%); abdominal pain (1.6%).

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Diarrhea (1.0%); vomiting (1.0%).

NERVOUS SYSTEM/PSYCHIATRIC

Headache (2.3%)

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Pharyngitis (1.5%); upper respiratory infection (1.1%); cough

LABORATORY FINDINGS

Very few laboratory abnormalities were reported and included isolated reports of elevated liver function tests, eosinophilia, and increased urine protein.

Adults - 18 Years of Age and Older

In combined clinical trials involving 1529 healthy adults who received one or more ~50U doses of hepatitis A vaccine, rever and local complaints were observed during a 5-day period following vaccination and systemic complaints during a 14-day period following vaccination and systemic complaints during a 14-day period following vaccination. Injection-site complaints, generally mild and transient, were the most frequently reported complaints. Listed below are the complaints (≥1%) reported, without regard to causality, in decreasing order of frequency within each body system.

LOCALIZED INJECTION-SITE REACTIONS (generally mild

Tenderness (52.6%); pain (51.1%); warmth (17.3%); swelling (13.6%); erythema (12.9%); ecchymosis (1.5%); pain/soreness (1.2%)

BODY AS A WHOLE

Asthenia/fatigue (3.9%); fever (≥101°F, Oral) (2.6%); abdominal pain (1.3%).

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Diarrhea (2.4%); nausea (2.3%).

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

Myalgia (2.0%); arm pain (1.3%); back pain (1.1%); stiffness

NERVOUS SYSTEM/PSYCHIATRIC

Headache (16.1%).

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Pharyngitis (2.7%); upper respiratory infection (2.8%); nasal congestion (1.1%).

UROGENITAL SYSTEM

Menstruation disorder (1.1%).

Allergic Reactions

Local and/or systemic allergic reactions that occurred in <1% of children/adolescents or adults in clinical trials regardless of causality included:

LOCAL

Injection site pruritus and/or rash.



SYSTEMIC

Bronchial constriction; asthma; wheezing; edema/swelling; rash; generalized erythema; urticaria; pruritus; eye irritation/ tiching; dermatitis. (See CONTRAINDICATIONS and WARNINGS.)

As with any vaccine, there is the possibility that use of VAQTA in very large populations might reveal adverse experiences not observed in clinical trials.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Do not inject intravenously, intradermally, or subcutaneously.

VAQTA is for intramuscular injection. The deltoid muscle is the preferred site for intramuscular injection.

DOSAGE

The vaccination regimen consists of one primary dose and one booster dose for healthy children, adolescents, and adults, as follows:

Pediatric/Adolescent

Individuals 2 through 17 years of age should receive a single 0.5 mL (~25U) dose of vaccine at elected date and a booster dose of 0.5 mL (~25U) 6 to 18 months later.

Adult

Adults 18 years of age and older should receive a single 1.0 mL (~50U) dose of vaccine at elected date and a booster dose of 1.0 mL (~50U) 6 months later.

Use With Immune Globulin

VAQTA may be administered concomitantly with IG using separate sites and syringes. The vaccination regimen for VAQTA should be followed as stated above. Consult the manufacturer's product circular for the appropriate dosage of IG. A booster dose of VAQTA should be administered at the appropriate time as outlined above.

ADMINISTRATION

Known or Presumed Exposure to HAV/Travel to Endemic Areas

For individuals requiring either post-exposure prophylaxis or combined immediate and longer term protection (e.g., travelers departing on short notice to endemic areas). VAQTA may be administered concomitantly with IG using separate sites and syringes (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, Use With Immune Globulin).

Injection must be accomplished with a needle long enough to ensure intramuscular deposition of the vaccine. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended that "For all intramuscular injections, the needle should be long enough to reach the muscle mass and prevent vaccine from seeping into subcutaneous tissue, but not so long as to endanger underlying neurovascular structures or bone." For toddlers and older children they further state that "...the deltoid may be used if the muscle mass is adequate. The needle size can range from 22 to 25 gauge and from 5/8 to 1½ inches, based on the size of the muscle...the anterolateral thigh may be used, but the needle should be longer — generally ranging from 7/8 to 1½ inches". For adults they state that "...the deltoid is recommended for routine intramuscular vaccination among adults...The suggested needle size is 1 to 1½ inches and 20 to 25 gauge." 21

For individuals with bleeding disorders who are at risk of hemorrhage following intramuscular injection, the ACIP recommends that when any intramuscular vaccine is indicated for such patients, "...it should be administered intramuscularly if, in the opinion of a physician familiar with the patient's bleeding risk, the vaccine can be administered with reasonable safety by this route. If the patient receives antihemophilia or other similar therapy, intramuscular vaccination can be scheduled shortly after such therapy is administered. A fine needle (\$23 gauge) can be used for the vaccination and firm pressure applied to the site (without rubbing) for at least two minutes. The patient or family should be instructed concerning the risk of hematoma from the injection." 21

The vaccine should be used as supplied; no reconstitution is necessary.

Shake well before withdrawal and use. Thorough agitation is necessary to maintain suspension of the vaccine. Discard if the suspension does not appear homogenous.

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for extraneous particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration whenever solution and container permit. After thorough agitation, VAQTA is a slightly opaque, white suspension.

It is important to use a separate sterile syringe and needle for each individual to prevent transmission of infectious agents from one person to another.

HOW SUPPLIED

PEDIATRIC/ADOLESCENT FORMULATION

Vials

No. 4831 — VAQTA for pediatric/adolescent use is supplied as 25U/0.5 mL of hepatitis A virus protein in a 0.5 mL single-dose vial, **NDC** 0006-4831-00.

No. 4831 — VAQTA for pediatric/adolescent use is supplied as 25U/0.5 mL of hepatitis A virus protein in a 0.5 mL single-dose vial, in a box of 5 single-dose vials, **NDC** 0006-4831-38.

No. 4845 — VAQTA for pediatric/adolescent use is supplied as 25U/0.5 mL of hepatitis A virus protein in a 0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe, **NDC** 0006-4845-00.



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ADULT FORMULATION

Viale

No. 4841 — VAQTA for adult use is supplied as 50U/1 mL of hepatitis A virus protein in a 1 mL single-dose vial, NDC 0006-4841-00.

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Syringes

No. 4844 — VAQTA for adult use is supplied as 50U/1 mL of hepatitis A virus protein in a 1 mL single-dose prefilled syringe, NDC 0006-4844-00.

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Storage

Store vaccine at 2-8°C (36-46°F).

DO NOT FREEZE since freezing destroys potency.

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